

BROTHER CLOUD BANNED BY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST PREACHERS' LISTS

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In November of last year I was banned from the IBF-Preachers list. After two of my articles were posted to the list ("What's Missing in Soul Winning Programs" and "Reply to a Pastor about West Coast: Good Fruit, Hamilton, Gaither, Pastoral Ignorance, etc."), I tried unsuccessfully to subscribe simply to answer the replies and personal attacks for myself. (The moderator, C.M. Carruthers, said I didn't submit the application properly and that he didn't know it was from me, but even when he was informed that I was trying to join the list he continued to bar me.)

Then in December a pastor submitted another of my articles to the BP Canada list. This article was "Why Most Fundamental Baptist Churches Will Be Emerging within Two Decades." The moderator, Gordon Conner, rebuked the pastor for posting the article, ominously warning him that he now had "two strikes" against him.

These actions and the comments by many of the IFB preachers only demonstrate the truth of my warning in "Why Most FBC Will Be Emerging." I listed the following five reasons: (1) the maligning of warning and reproof, (2) unquestioning loyalty to man, (3) following the crowd, (4) ignorance about important issues, (5) soft separatism.

I never cease to be amazed at the way that many preachers reply to my writings. The reports and books I publish are extensively researched and carefully, prayerfully written, but the responses are typically nothing more than personal attacks, cheap shots, and near-childish sloganizing (e.g., "don't shoot the wounded").

One reason why so many preachers respond inadequately is that they don't read my reports. Instead of making the effort to read what I have said and to measure it with God's Word, they depend on what some other Baptist preacher says about me or they refuse to read my writings because I am unpopular in their "circles" or I have said something negative about one of their heroes.

This is evident from the responses but it is not wise, and such willful ignorance is going to be the downfall of a large number of IB churches.

There is not an independent Baptist preacher who could not benefit from Way of Life reports such as "Musical Associations and CCM Adaptation," "Analyzing Adapted CCM Songs," "The Transformational Power of Contemporary Praise Music," "Why Most Independent Baptist Churches Will Be Emerging within Two Decades," and the new free eBook "Biblical Separatism and Its Collapse among Fundamental Baptists" -- regardless of whether he agrees with every conclusion I reach.

“Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21).

“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him” (Proverbs 18:13).

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